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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on March 22, 2004, please amend the application as follows. Submitted with this amendment and response is a Petition for an Extension of Time to extend the period for response one month, to and including July 22, 2004. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$55, the fee for a small entity for a one-month extension of time, to Deposit Account No. 50-3129. Please note that the correspondence address for this application has changed. All future correspondence should be addressed as follows:

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It is believed that no additional fee is required with this submission. However, should an additional fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 50-3129.